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TO : AB/24, Amzon  
INFO : AB/16, Berlin  
FROM : AB/17, Amzon  
SUBJECT : X-2 Vetting Approval, Hilde BEETZ

1. Reference our LWX-TS-158 dated 13 May 1946 to AB/24, requesting additional information to assist in completing the vetting of subject in view of her transfer from Munich to Berlin.

2. Before the reference memorandum received field distribution, SCI-B-174 outlining the proposed project for subject was received. In addition to this, AB/16 has sent this office subject's complete fragebogen and lebenslauf.

3. From an appraisal of the interrogation reports in the Operations Section's files, and the information submitted by case officers, both past and present, it appears that Frau BEETZ is a woman of great tact and discretion whose idealism and sense of justice seem to determine her actions more than an arbitrary loyalty to any organization. This is shown, for example, by the way she handled her part in the CIANO affair, in which she risked official censure to follow the dictates of her own convictions. Her motives in cooperating with us are apparently caused partly by the fact that her husband is in American custody and partly, as is the professional opinion of the three intelligence officers who interrogated her, because she is one the rare Germans who understands and is sympathetic towards Democracy. However, in evaluating any future possible risk involved in using subject this idealism and high sense of justice should be given consideration by the case officer giving her further assignments. The other security factor is, as has been pointed out by the case officer, the fact that subject's mother is living in the Russian Zone.

4. With the exception of checking the references supplied by subject in her fragebogen, the possibilities for routine vetting are now exhausted. As most of these reference are not easily accessible, and as the case officer suggests that for security reasons no inquiries should be made of the others, they will be merely kept on file in the advent that further checking becomes necessary.

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5. Vetting approval for the project outlined in SCI-B-174 is based on the following:

- a) The high degree of security control that will be maintained in the actual operation as outlined by AB/16.
- b) Information in the X-2 Operations Section file on the operation involving Dr. HOETTL, the interrogation reports on her activities with the GIS and her proven discretion and veracity attested to by former case officers.
- c) Record checks in London, Washington, and Amzon files which confirmed subject's AMT VI activities as reported in interrogation, with no additional derogatory remarks. (Reference Summary of Preliminary Vetting, 12 October 1945. Rome at that time had been queried. No reply has been received at they will not again be requested to conduct the suggested investigations unless we are advised that it is desirable.)
- d) The control which you are able to maintain in view of subject being in the automatic arrest category, and her husband's detention as an American PW.

For AB/16: This summary is based on the following material in X-2 Operations Files: (re paragraph 1 of your LBX-317)

Interrogation Reports on Frau Hildegard Burkhardt BEETZ

- a) The RSHA and Edda CIANO in Switzerland
  - b) The RSHA and Death of Count CIANO
- Interrogator - L. E. de Neufville - 17 June 1945

Special Interrogation Report on Frau Hildegard BEETZ  
7 July 1945

Biographical data submitted in XYZ form by S/A Grant  
11 August 1945.

Report from Third United States Army Intelligence Center  
Major Edmund King - 2 August 1945

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